

Appln. No. 10/771,883
Amendment dated September 28, 2007
Reply to Office Action mailed July 3, 2007

REMARKS

Attorney for applicant has carefully reviewed the outstanding Office Action on the present application. Applicant has amended Claims 9, 19, 55, and 66.

Applicant's attorney is pleased to note that Claims 19, 62-65, and 67-72 have been allowed and that the application is in condition for allowance, except for formal matters. More particularly, the Examiner has objected to Claims 3, 4, 7-12, 14, 15, 50-61, and 66 on the grounds that it is not clear if property enhancing additives are actually required in these claims. As proposed by the Examiner, independent Claims 9, 55 and 66 have been amended to remove the phrase "optionally, one or more property enhancing additives, provided the total amount of property enhancing additives is less than 5 wt.%" In such circumstances, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 9, 55, and 66 are in condition for allowance.

While independent Claim 19 has been allowed, applicant's attorney (i.e., Sanjiv M. Chokshi) thanks the Examiner for the telephonic interview conducted on August 28, 2007 to discuss a revision to Claim 19. Specifically, applicant's attorney proposed removing the phrase "optionally, one or more property enhancing additives, provided the total amount of property enhancing additives is less than 5 wt.%" from Claim 19. The Examiner indicated that this revision would be acceptable. Accordingly, this revision has been effected in Claim 19.

With respect to Claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 10-12, 14, 15, and 50, they depend from amended Claim 9. Claims 51-54 and 56-61 depend from amended Claim 55. In such

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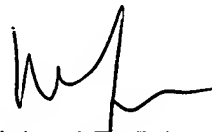
circumstances, it is believed that all of these dependent claims are also in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant's attorney respectfully requests reexamination and allowance of pending Claims 3, 4, 7-12, 14, 15, 50-61, and 66. If such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is cordially invited to place a telephone call to applicant's attorney in order that any outstanding issue may be resolved without the issuance of a further Office Action.

Enclosed is a Petition for an one-month extension of time to and including October 3, 2007, for which a \$120 fee is due. The Petition authorizes the Examiner to charge this \$120 fee to Deposit Account No. 503571. If there are any additional fees due as a result of this Amendment, including extension and petition fees, the Examiner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 503571.

Applicant's attorney attests that he is authorized to act in a representative capacity in connection with the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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